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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated March 31, 2009 in the above-identified patent application, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-13, 18-23 and 28-52) drawn to a recombinant bacterial cell comprising an isolated nucleic acid construct, said cell expressing at least one alkalinizing enzyme.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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